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MEASURES TO FACILITATE TCDC - STAFFING OF THE SPECIAL UNIT FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

1. In its decision 7/3 of 6 June 1992, entitled "Strengthening the capacity of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries", the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries 1/ referred to earlier decisions concerning the strengthening of the Special Unit in order to enable it to discharge all its mandated responsibilities effectively.

2. Responding to this and earlier decisions of the High-level Committee and of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on this subject, the Administrator of UNDP has endeavoured to maintain the staffing of the Special Unit at approximately the level he proposed in his report to the Committee at its seventh session. 2/ Thus, in the 1992-1993 biennium, funding for the Special Unit was transferred from the core budget of UNDP to the appropriation line for programme support and development activities and included eight established Professional and higher-level posts, and nine General Service posts. This included the reduction of one Professional post and one General Service post and the transfer of two Professional and two General Service posts from Special Programme Resources.

3. The Administrator's budgetary proposals are the result of his overall assessment of the financial and budgetary situation of UNDP. In this connection, the Administrator is proposing a reduction in the overall number of core posts, plus a reduction of one Professional post in the Special Unit for TCDC for the biennium 1994-1995. This reduction is in line with that being made to other headquarters bureaux and units. The reduction will be implemented on the basis of management initiatives to rationalize, simplify, restructure and decentralize.

4. In summary, the impact of the Administrator's proposals on TCDC's budgetary staffing is that it will decrease from eight Professional and higher-level and nine General Service posts to seven Professional and higher-level and nine General Service posts. The Administrator is confident that his proposals overall will enable the Special Unit to discharge its functions effectively and in full accordance with the mandate given to it.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/46/39), annex I.

2/ TCDC/7/8, paras. 3 and 4.